

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An environmentally friendly package comprising:
a compostable sheet material, ~~said sheet material~~
comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first
compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the
substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable
layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of
the substrate layer;
wherein the package comprises first and second regions
of sealing between sheets of the compostable material in
which the material of the second sealable layer has a lower
heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the
first sealable layer, and
wherein said first region has a relatively high
sealing strength, and said second region has a
relatively low sealing strength.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly
package according to claim 7, wherein the package is a
beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making
ingredient.
10. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly
package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further
comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and
bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.

11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:
- providing a compostable sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer, wherein the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer; and
- placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together with the inner sealable layers in face-to-face relation; and
- sealing the webs together around a margin to form a package body, an area of said sheet material to form said package, wherein the step of sealing is carried out under a first set of conditions in a first region of said margin and under a second set of conditions different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said margin, at a first temperature in a first region of said area and at a second temperature different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said area;
- whereby the peel strength of the resulting seal is different in said first and second regions.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Canceled)